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NOTE. The statistics contained in this publication have been compiled from reports of workers' compensation claims closed during the year ended 30 June 1972 in respect of accidents causing death or absence from work for one week or more. The statistics therefore do not refer to all accidents actually occurring within the period. This should be clearly borne in mind if comparisons with earlier periods are attempted.

This publication has been prepared to provide figures which are comparable with those for other Australian States which do not compile statistics of industrial accidents involving absence from work for less than one week.

An earlier release, (W.138/72) Industrial Accidents (Series A) issued 14 December 1972, contains corresponding information in respect of industrial accidents causing death or absence from work for one day or more.

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NOTES

The collection of information required for detailed analysis of industrial accidents occurring in Western Australia commenced on 1 July 1961. From that date all insurers and self-insurers have been required to submit a report to the Workers' Compensation Board in respect of each claim for workers' compensation as soon as the claim is closed. Only accidents coming within the scope of the Workers' Compensation Act are included in the statistics, which therefore exclude industrial accidents resulting in the death of or injury to self-employed persons and all Commonwealth Government employees. Compensation for employees of the Commonwealth Government is provided by the Compensation (Commonwealth Employees) Act 1971. As the statistics relate only to accidents, particulars of cases of industrial disease are excluded.

With few exceptions, an accident to an employee while travelling between his place of residence and place of employment was not compensable in Western Australia until 14 December 1964, when the Workers' Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1964 came into operation. From that date, the compensation provisions have been extended generally to include such cases. During the year ended 30 June 1972, 279 claims were reported closed in respect of 'journey' cases involving loss of work for one week or more. The total time lost was 1,926.0 weeks and the cost of claims amounted to \$116,017. Journey cases are not, however, included in the statistics which are intended to cover only those accidents occurring at the work site or in the course of the worker's normal duties.

For the purposes of the collection, each claim is regarded as a separate industrial accident and data are prepared from reports of claims closed during the year under review (in this instance, the year ended 30 June 1972). The item 'Cost of Claims' appearing in some of the tables refers to total payments made (principally in the form of compensation for loss of wages, medical expenses, and lump-sum settlements) in respect of claims closed during the year, and therefore does not necessarily represent amounts actually paid in that year. Similarly, 'Time Lost' refers to total time lost (i.e. from date of injury) in respect of claims closed during the year.

Classification according to industry group has been made on the basis of the 1966 Census Classification of Industries. In the tables on pages 4 to 12, the Industry Group or Sub-group is shown, in several cases, in an abbreviated form. The full title of each classification listed is as follows:

Primary production

Mining and quarrying

Manufacturing -

Manufacture relating to cement, bricks, glass and stone

Founding, engineering and metal working

Manufacture, assembly and repair of ships, vehicles, parts and accessories

Manufacture of food, drink and tobacco

Sawmilling and manufacture of wood products (other than furniture)

Other manufacturing

Electricity, gas, water and sanitary services (production, supply and maintenance)

Building and construction

Transport, storage and communication

Finance and property

Commerce

Public authority (n.e.i.), community and business services (including professional)

Amusement, hotels and other accommodation, cafes, personal service, etc.

Other industries, and industry inadequately described or not stated.

NOTES (continued)

A more detailed description of Site of Injury than that appearing on pages 9, 10 and 13 is as follows:

- Head (excluding eyes)
- Eye
- Neck (including vertebral column)
- Trunk (excluding shoulder and vertebral column)
- Arm (including shoulder and wrist)
- Hand (excluding wrist; including fingers)
- Leg (including hip and ankle)
- Foot (including toes)
- Site unspecified
- Miscellaneous reactions.

The term 'Accident Factor' as used in some of the tables may be defined as 'that underlying agency, other than human failing, which appears to contribute most materially to an accident and which would be most likely to receive attention in preventing the occurrence of a similar accident'.

To enable comparison with industrial accident statistics of other Australian States, the scope of this publication has been restricted to include only compensated work injuries causing death or absence from work for ONE WEEK OR MORE. In this context a week is interpreted as a week of five working days. In respect of reopened claims, the additional time lost and additional costs are included in the tables but, to avoid duplication, such cases (of which there were 1,838 in 1971-72) have been excluded from the numbers of accidents shown.

The abbreviation 'n.e.i.', where it occurs in the tables, denotes 'not elsewhere included'.

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ROUNDING OF FIGURES

Figures appearing in Tables 1 and 9 relating to the number of weeks lost have been rounded to the nearest whole week without making those adjustments which would be needed to make the rounded figures add to the rounded total. It is for this reason that figures do not always add to the totals shown in tables 1 and 9.

Percentages appearing in Tables 1 to 4 have been corrected to the first place of decimals without making those adjustments which would be necessary to make the percentages so expressed add to precisely 100.

No. 1 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP, TIME LOST AND COST OF CLAIMS, 1971-72

TOTAL PERSONS

Industry group or sub-group (a)	Number of accidents			Time lost (non-fatal accidents)		Cost of claims (b)			
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Total	Average per accident	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total	Average per non-fatal accident
		Number	Pro-portion of total						
			per cent	weeks	weeks	\$	\$	\$	\$
Primary production	3	1,014	6.4	4,214	4.2	38,692	336,792	375,484	332
Mining and quarrying	2	951	6.0	5,808	6.1	12,235	417,278	429,513	439
Total - Primary industry	5	1,965	12.5	10,022	5.1	50,927	754,070	804,997	384
Manufacturing -									
Cement, bricks, etc.	-	369	2.3	1,539	4.2	-	118,781	118,781	322
Engineering, etc.	-	1,896	12.0	7,244	3.8	-	607,940	607,940	321
Ships, vehicles, etc.	1	856	5.4	3,412	4.0	11,776	248,940	260,716	291
Food, drink, etc.	-	1,673	10.6	5,699	3.4	-	360,429	360,429	215
Sawmilling, etc.	1	443	2.8	2,152	4.9	12,069	205,687	217,756	464
Other manufacturing	1	740	4.7	3,478	4.7	323	279,179	279,502	377
Total - Manufacturing	3	5,977	37.9	23,523	3.9	24,168	1,820,956	1,845,124	305
Electricity, etc.	2	351	2.2	1,956	5.6	933	138,750	139,683	395
Building, etc.	4	2,863	18.2	12,674	4.4	25,063	978,307	1,003,370	342
Transport, etc.	7	1,320	8.4	6,523	4.9	32,960	515,995	548,955	391
Finance and Property	-	18	0.1	64	3.6	-	7,678	7,678	427
Commerce	4	1,554	9.9	5,608	3.6	44,029	374,899	418,928	241
Public Authority (n.e.i.), etc.	2	958	6.1	4,816	5.0	298	288,228	288,526	301
Amusement, etc.	1	767	4.9	3,138	4.1	1,600	196,027	197,627	256
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	20	7,831	49.6	34,779	4.4	104,883	2,499,884	2,604,767	319
GRAND TOTAL : 1971-72	28	15,773	100.0	68,324	4.3	179,978	5,074,910	5,254,888	322
1970-71	40	15,555	100.0	68,206	4.4	239,306	4,653,136	4,892,442	299

(a) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2. (b) Principally compensation for wages lost, medical expenses and lump-sum settlements.



## No. 1 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP, TIME LOST AND COST OF CLAIMS, 1971-72 (continued)

## MALES

Industry group or sub-group (a)	Number of accidents			Time lost (non-fatal accidents)		Cost of claims (b)			
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Total	Average per accident	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total	Average per non-fatal accident
		Number	Pro-portion of total						
			per cent	weeks	weeks	\$	\$	\$	\$
Primary production	3	972	7.0	3,957	4.1	38,692	323,018	361,710	332
Mining and quarrying	2	951	6.8	5,808	6.1	12,235	417,278	429,513	439
Total - Primary industry	5	1,923	13.8	9,766	5.1	50,927	740,296	791,223	385
Manufacturing -									
Cement, bricks, etc.	-	358	2.6	1,520	4.2	-	117,899	117,899	329
Engineering, etc.	-	1,828	13.1	6,893	3.8	-	594,002	594,002	325
Ships, vehicles, etc.	1	852	6.1	3,407	4.0	11,776	248,741	260,517	292
Food, drink, etc.	-	1,339	9.6	4,394	3.3	-	299,579	299,579	224
Sawmilling, etc.	1	418	3.0	2,028	4.9	12,069	198,333	210,402	474
Other manufacturing	1	640	4.6	3,014	4.7	323	260,498	260,821	407
Total - Manufacturing	3	5,435	38.9	21,256	3.9	24,168	1,719,052	1,743,220	316
Electricity, etc.	2	350	2.5	1,954	5.6	933	138,699	139,632	396
Building, etc.	4	2,856	20.5	12,641	4.4	25,063	975,053	1,000,116	341
Transport, etc.	7	1,295	9.3	6,316	4.9	32,960	506,707	539,667	391
Finance and property	-	9	0.1	41	4.6	-	6,222	6,222	691
Commerce	4	1,203	8.6	4,337	3.6	44,029	300,149	344,178	250
Public Authority (n.e.i.), etc.	2	481	3.4	2,064	4.3	298	155,725	156,023	324
Amusement, etc.	1	411	2.9	1,554	3.8	1,600	103,083	104,683	251
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	20	6,605	47.3	28,907	4.4	104,883	2,185,638	2,290,521	331
GRAND TOTAL: 1971-72	28	13,963	100.0	59,929	4.3	179,978	4,644,986	4,824,964	333
1970-71	40	13,919	100.0	61,185	4.4	239,306	4,321,866	4,561,172	311

(a) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2. (b) Principally compensation for wages lost, medical expenses and lump-sum settlements.

## No. 1 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP, TIME LOST AND COST OF CLAIMS, 1971-72 (continued)

## FEMALES

Industry group or sub-group (a)	Number of accidents			Time lost (non-fatal accidents)		Cost of claims (b)			
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Total	Average per accident	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total	Average per non-fatal accident
		Number	Pro-portion of total						
			per cent	weeks	weeks	\$	\$	\$	\$
Primary production	-	42	2.3	256	6.1	-	13,774	13,774	328
Mining and quarrying	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Primary industry	-	42	2.3	256	6.1	-	13,774	13,774	328
Manufacturing -									
Cement, bricks, etc.	-	11	0.6	19	1.7	-	882	882	80
Engineering, etc.	-	68	3.8	351	5.2	-	13,938	13,938	205
Ships, vehicles, etc.	-	4	0.2	4	1.1	-	199	199	50
Food, drink, etc.	-	334	18.5	1,305	3.9	-	60,850	60,850	182
Sawmilling, etc.	-	25	1.4	124	5.0	-	7,354	7,354	294
Other manufacturing	-	100	5.5	464	4.6	-	18,681	18,681	187
Total - Manufacturing	-	542	29.9	2,267	4.2	-	101,904	101,904	188
Electricity, etc.	-	1	0.1	1	1.4	-	51	51	51
Building, etc.	-	7	0.4	33	4.7	-	3,254	3,254	465
Transport, etc.	-	25	1.4	207	8.3	-	9,288	9,288	372
Finance and property	-	9	0.5	23	2.6	-	1,456	1,456	162
Commerce	-	351	19.4	1,271	3.6	-	74,750	74,750	213
Public Authority (n.e.i.), etc.	-	477	26.4	2,752	5.8	-	132,503	132,503	278
Amusement, etc.	-	356	19.7	1,584	4.4	-	92,944	92,944	261
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	-	1,226	67.7	5,872	4.8	-	314,246	314,246	256
GRAND TOTAL: 1971-72	-	1,810	100.0	8,395	4.6	-	429,924	429,924	238
1970-71	-	1,636	100.0	7,021	4.3	-	331,270	331,270	202

(a) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2. (b) Principally compensation for wages lost, medical expenses and lump-sum settlements.

## No. 2 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP AND ACCIDENT FACTOR (a), 1971-72

## MALES

F. denotes Fatal Accidents; N.F. denotes Non-fatal Accidents.

Industry group or sub-group (b)	Machinery		Vehicles		Electricity, explosions, etc.		Harmful substances		Falling, slipping, stumbling, etc.		Striking against, stepping on, etc.		Handling, moving or falling objects		Hand tools		Other and unspecified		Total	
	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.
Primary production	-	161	2	84	-	15	-	4	-	166	-	26	-	271	-	77	1	168	3	972
Mining and quarrying	-	93	-	115	2	17	-	13	-	236	-	19	-	364	-	68	-	26	2	951
Total - Primary industry	-	254	2	199	2	32	-	17	-	402	-	45	-	635	-	145	1	194	5	1,923
Manufacturing -																				
Cement, bricks, etc.	-	29	-	17	-	8	-	4	-	72	-	12	-	187	-	25	-	4	-	358
Engineering, etc.	-	311	-	41	-	73	-	7	-	259	-	53	-	830	-	204	-	50	-	1,828
Ships, vehicles, etc.	1	76	-	53	-	36	-	4	-	155	-	33	-	360	-	113	-	22	1	852
Food, drink, etc.	-	65	-	37	-	76	-	5	-	269	-	44	-	480	-	334	-	29	-	1,339
Sawmilling, etc.	-	99	-	13	-	2	-	-	-	62	-	10	1	191	-	37	-	4	1	418
Other manufacturing	-	172	1	21	-	15	-	10	-	118	-	23	-	223	-	43	-	15	1	640
Total - Manufacturing	1	752	1	182	-	210	-	30	-	935	-	175	1	2,271	-	756	-	124	3	5,435
Electricity, etc.	-	15	-	26	1	15	-	1	-	94	-	11	1	153	-	20	-	15	2	350
Building, etc.	-	145	1	226	2	75	-	20	1	739	-	114	-	1,185	-	287	-	65	4	2,856
Transport, etc.	1	48	4	204	-	9	-	1	-	417	-	45	2	491	-	44	-	36	7	1,295
Finance and Property	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	9
Commerce	-	70	3	72	-	17	-	8	1	255	-	53	-	541	-	157	-	30	4	1,203
Public authority (n.e.i.) etc.	-	16	-	40	2	22	-	4	-	158	-	19	-	154	-	25	-	43	2	481
Amusement, etc.	-	20	-	14	-	22	-	1	-	116	-	23	-	117	-	26	1	72	1	411
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	1	314	8	583	5	160	-	35	2	1,783	-	266	3	2,644	-	559	1	261	20	6,605
GRAND TOTAL,																				
1971-72: Number	2	1,320	11	964	7	402	-	82	2	3,120	-	486	4	5,550	-	1,460	2	579	28	13,963
Per cent		9.5		6.9		2.9		0.6		22.3		3.5		39.7		10.5		4.1		100.0
1970-71: Number	3	1,269	16	1,014	5	337	-	87	2	2,954	-	543	12	5,658	-	1,482	2	575	40	13,919
Per cent		9.1		7.3		2.4		0.6		21.2		3.9		40.7		10.6		4.1		100.0

(a) For a more detailed classification of Accident Factor, see Table 8 on pages 16-19. (b) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2.

## No. 2 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP AND ACCIDENT FACTOR (a), 1971-72 (continued)

## FEMALES

F. denotes Fatal Accidents; N.F. denotes Non-fatal Accidents

Industry group or sub-group (b)	Machinery		Vehicles		Electricity, explosions, etc.		Harmful substances		Falling, slipping, stumbling, etc.		Striking against, stepping on, etc.		Handling, moving or falling objects		Hand tools		Other and unspecified		Total	
	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.
Primary production	-	1	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	15	-	2	-	6	-	4	-	8	-	42
Mining and quarrying	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Primary industry	-	1	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	15	-	2	-	6	-	4	-	8	-	42
Manufacturing -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	11
Cement, bricks, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	9	-	25	-	4	-	3	-	68
Engineering, etc.	-	12	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Ships, vehicles, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89	-	12	-	131	-	47	-	7	-	334
Food, drink, etc.	-	34	-	6	-	8	-	-	-	7	-	1	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	25
Sawmilling, etc.	-	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	2	-	27	-	4	-	-	-	100
Other manufacturing	-	35	-	4	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Manufacturing	-	86	-	13	-	9	-	2	-	137	-	26	-	204	-	55	-	10	-	542
Electricity, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Building, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Transport, etc.	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	1	-	25
Finance and property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	9
Commerce	-	23	-	14	-	4	-	1	-	140	-	16	-	119	-	20	-	14	-	351
Public authority (n.e.i.) etc.	-	16	-	13	-	22	-	1	-	189	-	18	-	180	-	18	-	20	-	477
Amusement, etc.	-	18	-	3	-	21	-	2	-	155	-	17	-	96	-	22	-	22	-	356
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	-	57	-	40	-	47	-	4	-	501	-	54	-	405	-	61	-	57	-	1,226
GRAND TOTAL,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1971-72: Number	-	144	-	57	-	58	-	6	-	653	-	82	-	615	-	120	-	75	-	1,810
Per cent	-	8.0	-	3.1	-	3.2	-	0.3	-	36.1	-	4.5	-	34.0	-	6.6	-	4.1	-	100.0
1970-71: Number	-	115	-	42	-	69	-	9	-	523	-	94	-	610	-	103	-	71	-	1,636
Per cent	-	7.0	-	2.6	-	4.2	-	0.6	-	32.0	-	5.7	-	37.3	-	6.3	-	4.3	-	100.0

(a) For a more detailed classification of Accident Factor, see Table 8 on pages 16-19. (b) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2.

## No. 3 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP AND SITE OF INJURY (a), 1971-72

## MALES

Industry group or sub-group (b)	Head	Eye	Neck	Trunk	Arm	Hand	Leg	Foot	Site unspecified	Mis-cell-aneous	Total
Primary production	37	28	22	180	158	247	217	71	3	9	972
Mining and quarrying	44	38	20	229	121	190	213	85	5	6	951
Total - Primary industry	81	66	42	409	279	437	430	156	8	15	1,923
Manufacturing -											
Cement, bricks, etc.	7	10	6	111	39	84	63	33	2	3	358
Engineering, etc.	50	114	25	430	159	531	286	224	2	7	1,828
Ships, vehicles, etc.	23	62	16	228	93	240	109	76	2	3	852
Food, drink, etc.	31	11	22	275	160	549	182	104	3	2	1,339
Sawmilling, etc.	10	8	10	76	49	166	56	43	-	-	418
Other manufacturing	24	18	12	143	73	231	89	47	1	2	640
Total - Manufacturing	145	223	91	1,263	573	1,801	785	527	10	17	5,435
Electricity, etc.	17	8	5	124	39	57	66	23	3	8	350
Building, etc.	119	107	53	795	313	560	590	281	14	24	2,856
Transport, etc.	46	29	48	402	166	161	290	144	4	5	1,295
Finance and Property	1	-	1	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	9
Commerce	36	15	26	353	141	291	215	115	2	9	1,203
Public authority (n.e.i.) etc.	14	9	12	167	58	73	101	38	4	5	481
Amusement, etc.	16	13	15	112	43	64	95	45	3	5	411
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	249	181	160	1,957	762	1,207	1,357	646	30	56	6,605
GRAND TOTAL,											
1971-72: Number	475	470	293	3,629	1,614	3,445	2,572	1,329	48	88	13,963
Per cent	3.4	3.4	2.1	26.0	11.6	24.7	18.4	9.5	0.3	0.6	100.0
1970-71: Number	505	522	270	3,493	1,573	3,374	2,637	1,414	63	68	13,919
Per cent	3.6	3.8	1.9	25.1	11.3	24.2	18.9	10.2	0.5	0.5	100.0

(a) For a more detailed description of Site of Injury, see page 3. (b) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2.

## No. 3 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP AND SITE OF INJURY (a), 1971-72 (continued)

## FEMALES

Industry group or sub-group (b)	Head	Eye	Neck	Trunk	Arm	Hand	Leg	Foot	Site unspeci- fied	Mis- cell- aneous	Total
Primary production	1	1	1	8	8	6	13	3	1	-	42
Mining and quarrying	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Primary industry	1	1	1	8	8	6	13	3	1	-	42
Manufacturing -											
Cement, bricks, etc.	-	-	-	3	3	-	2	3	-	-	11
Engineering, etc.	4	2	-	13	9	21	13	4	1	1	68
Ships, vehicles, etc.	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	4
Food, drink, etc.	12	-	7	65	51	131	43	24	-	1	334
Sawmilling, etc.	2	-	-	7	4	7	3	2	-	-	25
Other manufacturing	-	-	1	18	13	44	13	11	-	-	100
Total - Manufacturing	18	2	8	107	80	204	75	45	1	2	542
Electricity, etc.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Building, etc.	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	1	-	-	7
Transport, etc.	4	-	1	9	1	2	4	3	1	-	25
Finance and property	-	-	-	2	2	-	5	-	-	-	9
Commerce	8	1	16	87	46	68	91	34	-	-	351
Public authority (n.e.i.), etc.	11	-	18	172	81	72	98	23	-	2	477
Amusement, etc.	12	1	10	91	63	85	63	29	1	1	356
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	35	2	45	363	194	228	264	90	2	3	1,226
GRAND TOTAL,											
1971-72: Number	54	5	54	478	282	438	352	138	4	5	1,810
Per cent	3.0	0.3	3.0	26.4	15.6	24.2	19.4	7.6	0.2	0.3	100.0
1970-71: Number	56	6	49	440	245	362	331	128	7	12	1,636
Per cent	3.4	0.4	3.0	26.9	15.0	22.1	20.2	7.8	0.4	0.7	100.0

(a) For a more detailed description of Site of Injury, see page 3. (b) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2.

## No. 4 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP AND NATURE OF INJURY, 1971-72

## MALES

Industry group or sub-group (a)	Con- tusion, bruising, and super- ficial	Lacera- tions	Foreign bodies	Burns and scalds	Frac- tures	Disc- loca- tions	Sprains, strains, hernias	Am- puta- tions	Con- cus- sion	Other	Total
Primary production	123	321	18	20	119	14	283	12	9	53	972
Mining and quarrying	167	244	18	37	97	8	327	10	9	34	951
Total - Primary industry	290	565	36	57	216	22	610	22	18	87	1,923
Manufacturing											
Cement, bricks, etc.	51	91	6	8	27	2	152	2	3	16	358
Engineering, etc.	277	503	82	122	172	12	573	32	5	50	1,828
Ships, vehicles, etc.	123	213	43	62	66	7	309	6	3	20	852
Food, drink, etc.	187	548	5	73	60	8	417	8	5	28	1,339
Sawmilling, etc.	63	160	5	4	47	3	111	14	2	9	418
Other manufacturing	77	213	5	30	73	4	194	18	4	22	640
Total - Manufacturing	778	1,728	146	299	445	36	1,756	80	22	145	5,435
Electricity, etc.	64	64	6	12	24	-	156	2	2	20	350
Building, etc.	455	707	71	98	275	35	1,075	21	13	106	2,856
Transport, etc.	243	191	21	16	151	15	594	8	8	48	1,295
Finance and property	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	9
Commerce	154	335	11	24	114	14	496	13	6	36	1,203
Public authority (n.e.i.), etc.	64	82	5	22	43	5	238	2	2	18	481
Amusement, etc.	72	85	8	21	41	12	154	1	1	16	411
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	1,052	1,468	122	193	648	81	2,717	47	32	245	6,605
GRAND TOTAL,											
1971-72: Number	2,120	3,761	304	549	1,309	139	5,083	149	72	477	13,963
Per cent	15.2	26.9	2.2	3.9	9.4	1.0	36.4	1.1	0.5	3.4	100.0
1970-71: Number	2,380	3,779	327	544	1,291	151	4,893	109	120	325	13,919
Per cent	17.1	27.1	2.3	3.9	9.3	1.1	35.2	0.8	0.9	2.3	100.0

(a) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2.

## No. 4 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDUSTRY GROUP AND NATURE OF INJURY, 1971-72 (continued)

## FEMALES

Industry group or sub-group (a)	Con- tusion, bruising, and super- ficial	Lac- era- tions	For- eign bod- ies	Burns and scalds	Frac- tures	Dis- loca- tions	Sprains, strains, hernias	Amputa- tions	Concus- sion	Other	Total
Primary production	6	8	-	2	7	-	18	-	-	1	42
Mining and quarrying	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Primary industry	6	8	-	2	7	-	18	-	-	1	42
Manufacturing -											
Cement, bricks, etc.	2	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	-	-	11
Engineering, etc.	17	20	1	-	2	-	19	2	1	6	68
Ships, vehicles, etc.	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Food, drink, etc.	71	111	-	9	14	3	117	1	5	3	334
Sawmilling, etc.	8	3	-	-	6	-	7	-	1	-	25
Other manufacturing	16	32	-	3	8	-	40	1	-	-	100
Total - Manufacturing	116	167	1	12	32	3	191	4	7	9	542
Electricity, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Building, etc.	1	1	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	7
Transport, etc.	8	3	-	-	2	-	10	-	-	2	25
Finance and property	2	2	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	9
Commerce	66	67	-	6	29	7	160	2	2	12	351
Public authority (n.e.i.) etc.	76	52	-	21	36	6	269	1	-	16	477
Amusement, etc.	71	80	-	21	45	4	120	-	3	12	356
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Other industries	224	205	-	48	112	18	569	3	5	42	1,226
GRAND TOTAL,											
1971-72: Number	346	380	1	62	151	21	778	7	12	52	1,810
Per cent	19.1	21.0	0.1	3.4	8.3	1.2	43.0	0.4	0.7	2.9	100.0
1970-71: Number	347	327	3	73	111	17	699	5	16	38	1,636
Per cent	21.2	20.0	0.2	4.5	6.8	1.0	42.7	0.3	1.0	2.3	100.0

(a) For detailed description of the Industry Groups and Sub-groups listed, see page 2.



## No. 5 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: SITE OF INJURY AND ACCIDENT FACTOR (a), 1971-72

Site of injury (b)	Machin- ery	Veh- icles	Elec- tricity, explo- sions, etc.	Harmful sub- stances	Falling, slipping, stum- bling, etc.	Striking against, stepping on, etc.	Handling, moving or falling objects	Hand tools	Other and unspeci- fied	Total acci- dents	Average time lost (weeks)
MALES											
Head	31	100	40	2	97	27	109	29	40	475	3.6
Eye	61	10	19	26	5	2	63	173	111	470	2.6
Neck	8	48	2	1	96	12	105	5	16	293	10.6
Trunk	63	160	21	2	844	34	2,346	82	77	3,629	4.7
Arm	134	141	55	3	454	84	542	135	66	1,614	4.4
Hand	866	136	78	12	173	51	1,205	839	85	3,445	3.1
Leg	95	240	72	5	1,262	154	503	117	124	2,572	5.2
Foot	58	112	82	5	185	122	666	78	21	1,329	3.5
Site unspecified	4	15	5	-	4	-	10	1	9	48	16.3
Miscellaneous reactions	-	2	28	26	-	-	1	1	30	88	4.1
Total	1,320	964	402	82	3,120	486	5,550	1,460	579	13,963	-
Average time lost (weeks)	4.2	6.6	3.6	2.8	4.7	3.0	4.3	2.8	3.7	-	4.3
FEMALES											
Head	3	8	1	-	24	9	5	-	4	54	2.9
Eye	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	5	2.9
Neck	-	6	1	-	20	1	22	-	4	54	6.4
Trunk	4	5	2	-	170	3	281	4	9	478	5.7
Arm	19	7	12	1	126	14	82	10	11	282	6.2
Hand	111	10	20	3	25	9	135	99	26	438	3.0
Leg	5	16	12	-	237	38	28	4	12	352	4.7
Foot	1	4	8	1	50	8	60	1	5	138	3.2
Site unspecified	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	4	1.7
Miscellaneous reactions	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	5	1.7
Total	144	57	58	6	653	82	615	120	75	1,810	-
Average time lost (weeks)	5.4	5.0	3.2	1.7	5.0	3.7	5.0	2.3	3.5	-	4.6

(a) For a more detailed classification of Accident Factor, see Table 8 on pages 16-19. (b) For a more detailed description of Site of Injury, see page 3.

## No. 6 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: NATURE OF INJURY AND ACCIDENT FACTOR (a), 1971-72

Nature of injury	Machin- ery	Veh- icles	Elec- tricity, explo- sions, etc.	Harmful sub- stances	Falling, slipping, stum- bling, etc.	Striking against, stepping on, etc.	Handling, moving or falling objects	Hand tools	Other and unspeci- fied	Total acci- dents	Average time lost (weeks)
MALES											
Contusion (b)	154	176	1	2	586	195	770	139	97	2,120	2.2
Lacerations	762	237	14	-	320	197	1,260	872	99	3,761	2.9
Foreign bodies	47	3	4	7	-	-	20	119	104	304	2.1
Burns and scalds	15	24	345	43	5	-	-	105	12	549	2.7
Fractures	113	206	4	-	385	24	430	75	72	1,309	8.5
Dislocations	5	12	-	-	60	-	50	3	9	139	7.2
Sprains (c)	90	216	-	-	1,641	52	2,860	122	102	5,083	4.4
Amputations	98	11	2	-	2	-	28	5	3	149	8.2
Concussion	-	16	-	-	20	8	23	2	3	72	4.1
Enucleation	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	3	7.7
Internal injury	3	12	-	-	14	-	13	1	3	46	10.9
Nerve injury	1	2	-	-	3	1	6	1	1	15	4.9
Other (d)	32	49	32	30	84	9	88	15	74	413	12.6
Total	1,320	964	402	82	3,120	486	5,550	1,460	579	13,963	4.3
FEMALES											
Contusion (b)	18	14	-	1	161	42	83	6	21	346	2.0
Lacerations	91	11	3	-	29	19	104	104	19	380	2.9
Foreign bodies	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.2
Burns and scalds	4	1	53	3	-	1	-	-	-	62	3.1
Fractures	11	9	-	-	93	4	21	2	11	151	8.1
Dislocations	-	2	-	-	13	-	6	-	-	21	5.7
Sprains (c)	10	15	-	-	331	7	392	7	16	778	5.5
Amputations	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	7	5.9
Concussion	1	1	-	-	4	2	3	-	1	12	5.1
Enucleation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal injury	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2.8
Nerve injury	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	4	21.7
Other (d)	2	4	2	2	20	6	4	1	6	47	12.8
Total	144	57	58	6	653	82	615	120	75	1,810	4.6

(a) For a more detailed classification of Accident Factor, see Table 8 on pages 16-19. (b) Includes bruising and superficial injury. (c) Includes strains and hernias. (d) Includes 'unspecified'.

## No. 7 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: AGE GROUP AND ACCIDENT FACTOR (a), 1971-72

Age group (years)	Machin- ery	Veh- icles	Elec- tricity, explo- sions, etc.	Harmful sub- stances	Falling, slipping, stumbling, etc.	Striking against, stepping on, etc.	Handling, moving or falling objects	Hand tools	Other and unspeci- fied	Total
MALES										
Under 20	248	106	75	13	308	78	654	357	84	1,923
20 - 29	413	316	123	25	798	123	1,483	491	184	3,956
30 - 39	231	195	77	17	632	105	1,134	242	118	2,751
40 - 49	218	180	74	10	626	92	1,163	203	86	2,652
50 - 59	150	126	36	12	526	54	805	117	79	1,905
60 and over	58	41	16	4	225	34	306	48	27	759
Age not stated	2	-	1	1	5	-	5	2	1	17
Total	1,320	964	402	82	3,120	486	5,550	1,460	579	13,963
FEMALES										
Under 20	34	9	13	-	79	10	72	24	19	260
20 - 29	35	16	12	1	136	13	137	42	11	403
30 - 39	37	14	8	1	123	21	154	22	15	395
40 - 49	27	14	13	3	171	24	176	23	17	468
50 - 59	11	2	11	1	124	10	73	9	11	252
60 and over	-	1	1	-	19	4	3	-	2	30
Age not stated	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Total	144	57	58	6	653	82	615	120	75	1,810

(a) For a more detailed classification of Accident Factor, see Table 8 on pages 16-19.

TIME LOST: ONE WEEK OR MORE

No. 8 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDIVIDUAL ACCIDENT  
FACTOR AND TIME LOST, 1971-72

Accident factor	Males			Females		
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Fatal	Non-fatal	
		Number	Time lost weeks		Number	Time lost weeks
<b>Machinery</b>						
Engines and prime movers	-	25	111.0	-	-	-
Pumps (including windmills)	-	9	51.0	-	-	-
Ropes, belts, pulleys, etc.	-	110	509.6	-	3	4.6
Shafting	-	3	18.4	-	-	-
Gears	-	2	8.4	-	-	-
Hoists, cranes, winches, etc.	-	84	332.2	-	-	-
Portable lifting appliances	1	55	373.0	-	-	-
Lifts	-	11	33.2	-	1	2.8
Conveyors	1	48	272.2	-	5	31.8
Abrasive, polishing, etc.	-	94	248.0	-	3	8.8
Agitators and mixers	-	21	53.6	-	2	6.6
Casting, forging, welding	-	18	122.8	-	4	49.8
Crushers, grinding mills, etc.	-	2	3.2	-	-	-
Drilling, boring, turning (metal)	-	62	206.2	-	3	7.8
" " " (other)	-	71	292.8	-	2	14.8
Milling machines (metal)	-	5	19.0	-	-	-
Planers and shapers (wood)	-	53	260.8	-	-	-
" " (other)	-	14	37.8	-	-	-
Packing and wrapping	-	13	46.4	-	18	77.2
Opening, picking, combing, carding	-	-	-	-	-	-
Presses and punches (metal)	-	44	217.0	-	2	17.2
" printing	-	9	100.4	-	1	1.4
" other	-	20	58.4	-	10	60.6
Rolls (printing, metal, gluing, etc.)	-	25	108.2	-	12	151.4
Saws (wood)	-	163	766.4	-	-	-
" (metal)	-	14	77.2	-	-	-
" (other)	-	23	42.4	-	2	2.8
Screening and separating	-	2	15.8	-	-	-
Sewing and stitching	-	2	8.2	-	13	96.2
Shears (metal)	-	27	105.8	-	1	9.2
" (paper)	-	5	11.6	-	1	2.0
" (other - except food and sheep shears)	-	5	9.0	-	-	-
Rotary cutters (except food)	-	6	20.8	-	3	4.4
Cutters, food	-	22	61.2	-	32	100.4
Spinning, weaving, knitting	-	2	12.4	-	1	2.4
Centrifuges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other industrial machines (fixed)	-	100	405.0	-	17	94.6
Milking, shearing, cream separators	-	56	148.8	-	-	-
Farm implements (not tractors)	-	53	258.6	-	-	-
Other farm equipment (fixed)	-	6	31.8	-	-	-
Other machinery	-	36	145.4	-	8	30.0
<b>Total</b>	2	1,320	5,604.0	-	144	776.8
<b>Vehicles</b>						
Motor vehicles	9	487	2,929.0	-	50	256.4
Railway locomotives, trucks and cars	1	84	988.2	-	-	-
Mine, quarry and other vehicles on rails	-	46	301.4	-	-	-
Bicycles	-	18	79.4	-	2	11.2

TIME LOST: ONE WEEK OR MORE

No. 8 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDIVIDUAL ACCIDENT  
FACTOR AND TIME LOST, 1971-72 (continued)

Accident factor	Males			Females		
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Fatal	Non-fatal	
		Number	Time lost weeks		Number	Time lost weeks
<u>Vehicles (continued)</u>						
Aircraft	-	1	1.4	-	2	5.2
Water transport	1	16	58.0	-	-	-
Animal-drawn vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mobile machinery -						
Mobile cranes and hoists	-	37	258.0	-	-	-
Fork-lift trucks	-	75	400.2	-	3	10.0
Tractors	-	54	715.4	-	-	-
Bulldozers, mechanical shovels, rollers, etc.	-	120	514.6	-	-	-
Other mobile machinery	-	18	67.0	-	-	-
Other vehicles	-	8	15.0	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	11	964	6,327.6	-	57	282.8
<u>Electricity, explosions, flames, hot substances</u>						
Electricity -						
Cables and flexibles, portable machines, etc.	2	5	20.0	-	1	8.0
Switch and fuse gear	-	14	88.2	-	-	-
Electric supply wiring	4	20	177.4	-	1	1.0
Other electricity	-	7	58.6	-	1	3.2
Explosions -						
Blasting (mines and quarries)	-	5	32.6	-	-	-
Boilers and pressure vessels	-	7	21.2	-	-	-
Gas (household and industrial)	-	8	48.4	-	1	4.2
Other explosions (including weapons)	1	37	176.4	-	3	4.6
Flames and hot substances or objects	-	299	820.4	-	51	163.2
<b>Total</b>	7	402	1,443.2	-	58	184.2
<u>Harmful substances</u>						
Solids, powders	-	19	41.0	-	-	-
Gas and aerosols	-	14	36.8	-	-	-
Liquids	-	49	150.6	-	6	10.0
<b>Total</b>	-	82	228.4	-	6	10.0
<u>Falling, slipping, stumbling, etc.</u>						
Falling from -						
Ladders	-	218	1,374.2	-	16	53.6
Poles	-	8	75.6	-	-	-
Roofs	-	53	252.6	-	-	-
Scaffolding	1	143	842.6	-	-	-
Stairs or steps	-	178	651.8	-	129	506.8
Top or tray of vehicles	-	175	998.2	-	2	8.8
Other elevation	1	252	1,417.6	-	26	90.6
Falling into excavations	-	80	398.4	-	9	21.6
Jumping or stepping down	-	330	1,272.0	-	14	77.0
On same level -						
Slipping	-	881	4,222.4	-	295	1,877.4
Stumbling	-	284	1,156.4	-	51	235.2
Other and unspecified	-	518	1,960.8	-	111	382.6
<b>Total</b>	2	3,120	14,622.6	-	653	3,253.6

TIME LOST: ONE WEEK OR MORE

No. 8 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDIVIDUAL ACCIDENT  
FACTOR AND TIME LOST, 1971-72 (continued)

Accident factor	Males			Females		
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Fatal	Non-fatal	
		Number	Time lost weeks		Number	Time lost weeks
<u>Striking against, stepping on, etc.</u>						
Stepping on sharp objects	-	113	233.8	-	4	9.6
Striking against fixed or stationary objects	-	373	1,225.0	-	78	294.6
Total	-	486	1,458.8	-	82	304.2
<u>Handling, moving or falling objects</u>						
Strain in handling	-	2,652	12,374.4	-	382	2,373.8
Over-exertion	1	62	617.6	-	3	4.0
Struck by -						
Trees, limbs, logs	1	85	704.2	-	1	3.2
Poles	-	10	118.4	-	-	-
Other timber	-	254	1,190.2	-	6	30.6
Drums and barrels	-	109	365.6	-	2	18.6
Boxes, crates, cartons	-	121	462.2	-	16	41.8
Bricks and tiles	-	39	100.0	-	4	10.0
Earth, rock, sand	1	146	1,288.0	-	-	-
Hand trucks, barrows, etc.	-	67	206.8	-	15	40.0
Other objects	1	1,425	5,245.2	-	86	310.2
Handling sharp objects -						
Metal	-	227	477.4	-	19	49.8
Glass	-	90	204.4	-	31	66.4
Other sharp objects	-	88	161.6	-	32	59.6
Other	-	175	434.8	-	18	39.6
Total	4	5,550	23,950.8	-	615	3,047.6
<u>Hand tools</u>						
Hand operated -						
Axes, hatchets	-	34	98.8	-	-	-
Blow torches	-	1	1.0	-	-	-
Can openers	-	-	-	-	1	6.4
Cleavers, choppers	-	20	54.0	-	5	7.6
Chisels	-	13	29.4	-	1	1.2
Crowbars, pinchbars	-	73	196.4	-	-	-
Files	-	3	6.2	-	-	-
Hammers, mallets	-	175	555.6	-	-	-
Hooks	-	37	367.4	-	1	2.6
Knives	-	461	899.4	-	88	178.4
Needles	-	-	-	-	3	4.6
Pens and pencils	-	-	-	-	-	-
Picks, pickaxes, hoes	-	11	18.0	-	-	-
Pliers, pincers, tongs	-	7	16.4	-	-	-
Saws	-	40	100.2	-	-	-
Scissors and shears	-	6	15.2	-	6	16.2
Screwdrivers	-	16	34.6	-	-	-
Shovels and spades	-	33	128.6	-	-	-
Spanners, wrenches	-	66	172.0	-	-	-
Other	-	53	115.4	-	6	23.0

TIME LOST: ONE WEEK OR MORE

No. 8 - FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: INDIVIDUAL ACCIDENT  
FACTOR AND TIME LOST, 1971-72 (continued)

Accident factor	Males			Females		
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Fatal	Non-fatal	
		Number	Time lost weeks		Number	Time lost weeks
<u>Hand tools (continued)</u>						
Power operated -						
Abrasive, sanding, polishing, etc.	-	112	225.8	-	1	4.0
Chisels	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drills, jack-hammers, etc.	-	119	610.2	-	1	1.2
Knives	-	2	3.2	-	-	-
Riveters	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saws	-	43	188.4	-	-	-
Screwdrivers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Soldering irons	-	-	-	-	-	-
Explosive-powered fasteners	-	4	15.6	-	-	-
Electric welders	-	74	151.6	-	1	2.0
Oxy torches	-	44	95.0	-	-	-
Other	-	13	40.6	-	6	28.4
<b>Total</b>	-	1,460	4,139.0	-	120	275.6
<u>Miscellaneous</u>						
Animals and insects	2	255	1,101.2	-	16	112.4
Physical causes -						
Cold	-	2	3.2	-	-	-
Compressed air	-	1	9.0	-	-	-
Exposure (to rain, wind, etc.)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heat (furnaces, weather, etc.)	-	2	7.6	-	-	-
Immersion	-	1	9.2	-	-	-
Radiation (not burns from)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vibration	-	5	8.4	-	1	2.2
Other physical causes	-	10	26.4	-	1	1.0
Pressure vessels	-	27	81.4	-	-	-
Other -						
Doors, windows, gates, etc.	-	74	190.4	-	37	99.2
Flying particles	-	103	297.4	-	-	-
Other and unspecified	-	99	420.2	-	20	45.8
<b>Total</b>	2	579	2,154.4	-	75	260.6
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	28	13,963	59,928.8	-	1,810	8,395.4

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No. 9 - NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS: DURATION OF TIME LOST, 1971-72

Time lost	Males		Females		Persons	
	Number	Time lost weeks	Number	Time lost weeks	Number	Time lost weeks
1 week but under 2 weeks	6,791	8,658	940	1,190	7,731	9,848
2 weeks but under 4 weeks	3,734	9,772	493	1,275	4,227	11,047
4 weeks but under 6 weeks	1,283	6,053	108	518	1,391	6,571
6 weeks but under 8 weeks	730	4,917	83	565	813	5,481
8 weeks but under 13 weeks	745	7,301	91	929	836	8,230
13 weeks but under 26 weeks	446	7,812	62	1,080	508	8,892
26 weeks but under 52 weeks	140	4,835	17	644	157	5,479
52 weeks but under 104 weeks	68	4,629	9	647	77	5,276
104 weeks but under 156 weeks	14	1,754	4	536	18	2,290
156 weeks and more	12	2,807	3	775	15	3,582
Reopened claims (a)	-	1,391	-	237	-	1,628
Total	13,963	59,929	1,810	8,395	15,773	68,324

(a) Additional time lost which cannot be allocated to appropriate groups. The number of reopened claims reported was 1,838.